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SUBJECT: IRANIAN MINISTER OF LABOR DISCUSSES JOINT COMMISSION

1. AT REQUEST OF MINISTER OF LABOR MOINI, LABBAT MCHALE MET PRIVATELY WITH HIM, APRIL ELEVENTH AS HE WAS DEPARTING FOR HOME VIA BANGKOK, AFTER ATTENDING FIFTH ASIAN MINISTER FOR LABOR'S CONFERENCE, HELD AT MELBOURNE, APRIL EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH.

2. SUBJECT OF JOINT US/IRANIAN COMMISSION CAME UP DURING PRIOR CONVERSATION AND SUBJECT MEETING TOOK PLACE AS RESULT. MINISTER EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT PROGRESS BEING MADE. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO TRIP TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN MAY BY HIS UNDER-SECRETARY, AND DELEGATION TO VISIT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND OTHER CENTERS WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE LOCATED IN TEXAS, ARIZONA, AND SIMILAR PLACES.

3. MINISTER HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY SPEED WITH WHICH COMMISSION AGREEMENT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. HE CITED EXPERIENCE OF HIS COUNTRY IN SEEKING SIMILAR ASSISTANCE IN WEST EUROPE. APPARENTLY ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO FULFILL PART OF PROJECT PROPOSALS, BUT NONE OF THEM AS QUICKLY AS HE FELT THE URGENT NEEDS OF HIS COUNTRY DEMANDED. SPEED

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AND UNDERSTANDING EVIDENCED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN

DISCUSSIONS, BY COMPARISON, WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE.

4. MINISTER INSISTED ON REVIEWING SIX MAJOR PARTS OF AGREEMENT. LABBAT WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DISCUSSION INTELLIGENTLY BECAUSE OF EXCELLENT BRIEFING GIVEN AT RECENT NEW DELHI LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY BY U.S. D.O.L. OFFICERS DAN LAZORCHICK AND GLEN B. HALM.

5. MINISTER LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH US DELEGATION IN TEHRAN SOME TIME DURING JUNE, WHEN HE HOPES DISCUSSION RELATING TO MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE UNITS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTERS CAN NEAR CONCLUSION.

COMMENT: MINISTER MOINI, WHOSE ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE, USED HIMSELF AS EXAMPLE OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO USE IN SELECTING POTENTIAL TWO THOUSAND IRANIAN WORKERS, WHOM HE PLANS TO SEND TO THE US UNDER COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR 'ON JOB' TRAINING. LABBAT OFFERS OPINION THAT, IF HIS ABILITY IS ANY STANDARD, IRANIAN WORKERS WILL NOT PRESENT INSUPERABLE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS. MINISTER, WHO WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE JUST "CONCLUDED", HAD TO CHAIR SEVERAL PLENARY SESSIONS IN BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE CHAIR MAN AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR LABOR, CAMERON, WHO WAS CALLED AWAY BY PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONFERENCE. MINISTER MOINI GAVE VERY CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE.
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